

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance for use in food preparation, comprising:

an elongated light source for emitting light; and
a housing having an outer surface that defines at least part of the outer surface of the counter-top kitchen appliance, the housing having an elongated cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and which extends to the outer surface of the housing so that a user of the counter-top kitchen appliance can see at least some of the light emitted by the elongated light source when the counter-top kitchen appliance is used in food preparation.

2. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the outer housing includes a second material that is substantially non-transparent.

3. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 2 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by the second substantially non-transparent material.

4. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 2 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material is at least partially reflective.
5. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 4 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material includes a surface that is shaped to reflect light toward the outer surface of the outer housing.
6. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 5 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material includes a surface that is parabolic in shape.
7. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the first at least partially transparent material is shaped to form a lens at or near the outer surface of the outer housing.
8. (Currently Amended) A kitchen appliance ~~according to claim 1 for use in food preparation, comprising:~~

an elongated light source for emitting light;
a housing having an outer surface that defines at least part of the outer surface of the
kitchen appliance, the housing having an elongated cavity for receiving the elongated light

source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and which extends to the outer surface of the housing so that a user of the kitchen appliance can see at least some of the light emitted by the elongated light source when the kitchen appliance is used in food preparation; and

wherein the kitchen appliance produces one or more signals, and the elongated light source is turned on and/or off by one or more of the one or more signals.

9. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

10. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the cavity is a closed cavity.

11. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the cavity is an open cavity.

12. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the counter-top kitchen appliance is a toaster.

13. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 12 wherein the toaster turns the elongated light source “on” when the toaster is toasting and “off”

when toasting is complete.

14. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1 wherein the counter-top kitchen appliance is a stove.

15. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 14 wherein the stove includes a switch for turning the elongated light source on and off.

16. (Currently Amended) A kitchen appliance ~~according to claim 1~~ for use in food preparation, comprising:

an elongated light source for emitting light;
a housing having an outer surface that defines at least part of the outer surface of the kitchen appliance, the housing having an elongated cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and which extends to the outer surface of the housing so that a user of the kitchen appliance can see at least some of the light emitted by the elongated light source when the kitchen appliance is used in food preparation; and

wherein the kitchen appliance is capable of causing the elongated light source to blink at a predetermined rate.

17. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 1,

further comprising a switch to turn the elongated light source on and off.

18-21. (Canceled).

22 (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance for use in food preparation, comprising:

an elongated light source for emitting light; and
a housing having an outer surface that defines at least part of the outer surface of the counter-top kitchen appliance, the housing having an elongated cavity that is adapted to receive the elongated light source such that a user of the counter-top kitchen appliance can see at least some of the light emitted by the elongated light source when the counter-top kitchen appliance is used in food preparation.

23. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 22 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

24. (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance according to claim 22 wherein the counter-top kitchen appliance produces one or more signals, and the elongated light source is turned on and/or off by one or more of the one or more signals.

25 (Currently Amended) A counter-top kitchen appliance for use in food

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preparation, comprising:

an elongated light source for emitting light; and

a housing having an outer surface that defines at least part of the outer surface of the counter-top kitchen appliance, the housing having an enclosed elongated cavity that is adapted to receive the elongated light source, the enclosed elongated cavity being at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent such that a user of the counter-top kitchen appliance can see at least some of the light emitted by the elongated light source when the counter-top kitchen appliance is used in food preparation.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheet incorporates new Figure 53.

Attachment: Drawing sheet for newly added Figure 53